

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I am deeply chagrined that the FCC is considering proceedings that would erode even further the safeguards against control of cable TV and newspapers by a small number of media conglomerates. There is already a deplorable lack of programming diversity, and the "news" that is reported has little depth or scope. The public interest was meant to be served, not undermined, by the FCC.